



## Borough of Douglas

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Town Hall,

Douglas,

11<sup>th</sup> March, 2015

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2015, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the TOWN HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

**MR COUNCILLOR STANLEY COLVIN CAIN, JP**

Councillor

Mrs C.A. Corlett

Mrs S.D.A. Hackman

Mr D.J. Ashford

Mrs R. Chatel

Mr J. Joughin

Mr D.W. Christian, MBE, J.P

Mr E.A. Joyce

Mrs C.E. Malarkey, JP

Mr G.J. Faragher

Miss D.A.M. Pitts

Mr W.M. Malarkey

Mr R.H. McNicholl

Mr J.E. Skinner

Ms K. Angela

Mrs E.C. Quirk

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Messrs Councillors S.R. Pitts, C.L.H. Cain.

The Chief Executive and Town Clerk, the Borough Treasurer and the Borough Engineer and Surveyor were in attendance.

1. **Minutes – 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 were approved and signed.

2. **Standing Order 39 – Question Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford**

The following question addressed by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford to the Leader of the Council, and the Leader's reply, were noted on the minutes:-

Question:

How many properties within the Borough are currently rate exempt due to being classed as uninhabitable and how many continuous years, grouped together in five year periods, has each been rate exempt?

Reply:

There are currently three hundred and twenty-seven properties in the Borough that are zero-rated.

It is not possible to extract from the system the duration of each exemption.

Of those three hundred and twenty-seven properties, ten are on the dilapidated properties list. Others on the list may be subject to reduction in rates, but not to zero.

The reasons for properties being classed as exempt from rates include undergoing refurbishment, ongoing building work, dereliction, and demolition

Supplementary Question:

Would it be a costly exercise to manually split out properties by reason type and if not will the Leader undertake for it to be done.

Reply:

The problem with providing the details is that the Council does not keep records from year to year but relies on information provided annually from the Government. It may be possible to search through Government records; and the appropriate Department within the Council will be asked to do so accordingly.

3. **Executive Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 – Clause A9**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clause A9 of report of meeting held Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, be received by the Council."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion: Councillor Mesdames C.A. Corlett, S.D.A. Hackman, Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, Mr Councillor J. Joughin, Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey, Mr Councillor G.J. Faragher, Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Messrs Councillors W.M. Malarkey, R.H. McNicholl, J.E. Skinner, Councillor Ms K. Angela, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor - **14**

**Against:** Mr Councillor E.A. Joyce - **1**

*Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985, Mr Councillor D.W. Christian declared an interest in the item and retired whilst it was considered.*

4. **Executive Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 – Clauses A1 to A8 and A10 to A18 inclusive**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to A8 and A10 to A18 inclusive of report of meeting held Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, be received by the Council."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

5. **Attendance**

Mr Councillor D.W. Christian left the meeting at 3.05pm during consideration of the following item.

6. **Pensions Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor J. Joughin, seconded by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in report of meeting held Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, be received by the Council."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

*Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel declared an interest in the item and retired whilst it was considered.*

7. **Attendance**

Mr Councillor D.W. Christian returned to the meeting at 3.08pm during discussion of the following item.

8. **Standards Committee – 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, seconded by Mr Councillor W.M. Malarkey, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Standards Committee, as contained in report of meeting held Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, be received by the Council subject to amendment of Clause A5, resolution ii, by deletion of the words “without naming the Member or Members concerned”.”

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

9. **Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2015**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor W.M. Malarkey, seconded by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee, as contained in report of meeting held Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2015, be received by the Council subject to correction of a clerical error in the resolution to Clause A2 which should refer to the charity Crossroads Care.”

During consideration of this item, the Council adjourned at 3.28pm and resumed at 3.33pm with the same Members present.

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the Motion: Councillor Mesdames C.A. Corlett, S.D.A. Hackman, Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, Messrs Councillors J. Joughin, E.A. Joyce, G.J. Faragher, W.M. Malarkey, Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, Councillor Ms K. Angela, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor - **13**

**Against:** Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey, Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner – **3**

Motion carried.

10. **Housing and Property Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 – Clauses A1 to A5 inclusive**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to A5 inclusive of report of meeting held Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

11. **Housing and Property Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 – Clause C6**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in Clause C6 of report of meeting held Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, “that the Council move into Committee for consideration of the item.”

Question put on Motion to move into Committee; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion moved by Mr Councillor G.J. Faragher, seconded by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, “That proceedings be resumed in Council.”

Question put on Motion to resume proceedings in Council; a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the Motion: Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, Messrs Councillor J. Joughin, E.A. Joyce, G.J. Faragher, Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Messrs Councillors W.M. Malarkey, R.H. McNicholl, J.E. Skinner, Councillor Ms K. Angela, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor - **12**

**Against:** Councillor Mesdames C.A. Corlett, S.D.A. Hackman, Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey - **4**

Motion to resume proceedings in Council carried.

On resumption of proceedings in Council, amendment moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, “That the resolution be amended to read, ‘*That the report be noted on the minutes and the Council consult with Council tenants prior to making a decision on the item.*’”

Question put on amended Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the amended Motion was carried unanimously.

12. **Attendance**

Mr Councillor E.A. Joyce left the meeting at 6.15pm during consideration of the following item.

**13. Regeneration and Community Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, seconded by Mr Councillor G.J. Faragher, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in report of meeting held Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, be received by the Council.”

**14. Standing Order 9 – Duration of Meeting**

At 6.27pm the Mayor drew attention to the provisions of Standing Order 9.

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, “That the Council complete consideration of the Regeneration and Community Committee minutes, then adjourn and reconvene at 10.00am the following day to consider the remaining items on the public and private agenda.”

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the Motion: Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, Councillor Mesdames R. Chatel, C.E. Malarkey, Messrs Councillor D.W. Christian, G.J. Faragher, Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Messrs Councillors W.M. Malarkey, R.H. McNicholl, J.E. Skinner, Councillor Ms K. Angela, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor – **12**

**Against:** Councillor Mesdames C.A. Corlett, S.D.A. Hackman, Mr Councillor J. Joughin – **3**

Motion carried.

**15. Regeneration and Community Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 – Continued**

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

**16. Adjournment and Resumption of meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 6.35pm Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 and resumed at 10.00am Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, with the following Members present: Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, Messrs Councillors J. Joughin, D.W. Christian, Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey, Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Messrs Councillors W.M. Malarkey, R.H. McNicholl, J.E. Skinner, Councillor Ms K. Angela, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor.

Apologies for the resumed meeting were received from Councillors Mesdames C.A. Corlett, S.D.A. Hackman, and Mr Councillor E.A. Joyce. The apologies previously given by Messrs Councillor S.R. Pitts and C.L.H. Cain continued for the resumed meeting.

**17. Environmental Services Committee – Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 – Clause A4**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Mr Councillor W.M. Malarkey, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in Clause A4 of report of meeting held Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

*Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985, Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner and the Borough Engineer and Surveyor declared an interest in the item and retired whilst it was considered.*

**18. Environmental Services Committee – Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 – Clauses A1 to A3 and A5 to B14 inclusive**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Mr Councillor W.M. Malarkey, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to A3 and A5 to B14 inclusive of report of meeting held Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

**19. Adjournment and Resumption**

The meeting adjourned at 10.29am and resumed at 10.41am with the same Members present.

**IN PRIVATE**

**20. Executive Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 – Clauses A1 to A5 inclusive**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to A5 inclusive of private report of meeting held Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, be received by the Council.”

Question put; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was approved unanimously.

**21. Adjournment and Resumption**

The Council adjourned at 11.50am and resumed at noon.

**22. Executive Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 – Clause B6**

With the consent of the Mayor, the Leader of the Council made a short statement to the Council. With the consent of the Council, Clause B6 was withdrawn for consideration at a special Council meeting to be held at 2.30pm on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.

**23. Executive Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 – Clause B7**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clause B7 of private report of meeting held Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the Motion: Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Messrs Councillors R.H. McNicholl, J.E. Skinner, Councillor Ms K. Angela, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor – **9**

**Against:** Mr Councillor J. Joughin, Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey, Mr Councillor W.M. Malarkey – **3**

Motion carried.

**24. Attendance**

Mr Councillor D.W. Christian left the meeting at 12.24pm during consideration of the following item.

**25. Housing and Property Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

**26. Attendance**

Mr Councillor D.W. Christian returned to the meeting at 12.26pm during consideration of the following item.

**27. Environmental Services Committee – 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Mr Councillor W.M. Malarkey, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

The Council rose at 12.28pm.

Town Clerk & Chief Executive